



## LONGEST TRAINING SIEGE AHEAD FOR GRIFFS AT TAMPA

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"All my pitchers, veterans and youngsters, and all the young players for other positions will begin training at Tampa on Thursday, March 1. This is the official manifesto of President Clark C. Griffith. The training season will be longer and costlier than usual, but I am convinced that it is the only way in which I can hope to have the Washington club ready to make a flying getaway. I have two objects in making this early start in a year when the regular campaign starts a week later than usual. First, it is necessary to develop at least one young pitcher, one young infielder and one young outfielder. Second, it is necessary for the veteran pitchers to work longer to be able to show their real form during the first month of the season.

"Furthermore, my reason for taking all the younger players to Florida with the first squad is that I shall use them almost altogether in the exhibition games against the National League teams. Joe Judge may be used at first base in those games, but he may be the only regular to be seen. I want all the other positions to be filled with youngsters trying to prove themselves worthy of sticking in fast company."

Reporting at Tampa on March 1, the youngsters will have five and a half full weeks at camp. This will also be true for the veteran pitchers. The regulars will be expected to climb into uniforms on Monday, March 12. That means they will have four weeks of training under the brilliant, warming Florida sun before hitting the rattle for the week's barnstorming trip bringing them to the Georgia avenue playground. The squad will leave Tampa at noon on Sunday, April 8.

President Griffith is busy these days completing his arrangements for spring work. He is most anxious to have every detail completed before boarding the train. He has had a lot of experience in handling ball clubs during the training season and knows just what to do.

"I want Roger Peckinpaugh to take a preliminary outing at Hot Springs, Ark.," says President Griffith. "He has reached the age when it will do him a world of good. I spoke to him about it last fall and he expressed himself as satisfied to make the trip."

"I know the value of the early work at Hot Springs for a veteran player. I know it from experience. We all used to go there and take the water before beginning the real training and we were the better for it."

"I wanted Peck to go to the springs last year, but illness in his family prevented it. When he gets to Tampa, while in good physical condition generally, he showed the lack of the preliminary boiling out."

"It was not until July came along that Peck began to get himself at his real value. From July on there wasn't a better shortstop in the business than Peck. Some of his fielding was close to the miraculous."

"What I want next spring is to have him in Tampa to begin that kind of playing with the first game of the campaign. If the team can move off the mark at top speed—well, that's what I hope to see, that's all."

"It is possible that Johnson may also take a course at Hot Springs, but I don't think Gharitty will need one. Pat went there last year and it didn't seem to do him much good."

"Gharitty has had his troubles—tonsils removed and, at last accounts, was gaining weight. I think that all he will need is an early start at Tampa to reach the top of his form by the time the season begins."

President Griffith is quite an enthusiastic over his plans to use young players against the National League clubs in Florida, the Cardinals, Braves, Reds and Phillies, with a chance that the Dodgers may be met, also.

"Usually," says he, "we have used regulars in those spring games, inserting a youngster here and there, but playing generally the regular team of veterans. We shall reverse that proceeding next spring."

"We shall have a whole lot of youngsters in camp at Tampa next year, and if we are to find out their real value, they must be played regularly. I know all about the older players, but I have yet to find out about the new ones."

"With Judge to fill out the infield, we shall use Gagnon, Conroy, Bluege and La Motte against the National Leaguers. The outfield will have Goslin, Goebel, Wade, Fisher, Harvare and Lapan will have plenty of work behind the bat, and the young pitchers fighting for places will have plenty of opportunity to show what they can against such batsmen as Roush, Hornsby and Jake Daube."

President Griffith, a famous pitcher in his own time, will be in active charge of the development of the new twirlers. He will have the assistance of Mooney Gibson, former Pittsburgh manager, but it will be Griffith who will advise the youngsters and drive them ahead.

"We'll have a lot of young pitchers at Tampa," says President Griffith. "I expect to have plenty of work with them. We must develop at least one new one for the coming season. If we can find two, all the better, and so on, but we must do a lot of work in developing them. Pitchers for the major leagues don't spring up overnight."

"Beginning their work on March 1, every pitcher in the squad should be in shape by the time the season opens on April 18. Last year Johnson, Zachary and Mordridge were not ready, though Mordridge was in better condition than either of the other two."

"What I hope for is to have all three ready to start right in at top form. That's why I shall have the veterans begin training with the youngsters on March 1."

## Takes Money From One Pocket; Puts It In Other

The Chicago Cubs pay \$50,000 to the Los Angeles Club for a left-handed pitcher. That sounds like an important business transaction until you happen to think that Mr. Wrigley owns both clubs. He just took the roll out of one pocket and put it in another.

The pitcher's name, by the way, is Dumovitch. After he loses his first game it will be just Dum.

sufficient. None of the veterans will be used in that game with the possible single exception of Joe Judge.

Donie Bush will devote the larger part of his attention during the training season to instructing the young infielders and outfielders in their duties, specializing on the infielders. Bush was a high class shortstop up to two years ago and should be an apt teacher.

George Gibson will handle the young catchers, Lapan and Harvare, as well as the pitchers, youngsters and veterans. He is an experienced handler of batters, players and will need no instruction in his duties.

President Griffith, besides having a view over the entire squad, will devote most of his time to teaching the young pitchers, correcting faults of ignorance or of former bad instruction and watching their daily development.

"The training season of 1923 is going to be longer than usual," says President Griffith. "There will be many games played, more than ordinary, but we'll be on the road only a week. If we are on edge when we leave Tampa, we shall be burning out long enough to lose it. This is frequently seen in ball clubs, too, by the way. They lose all their pep on the sleepers, hopping from one town to another."

The Griffiths, breaking camp on Sunday, April 8, will open their one week on the road at Savannah the following Monday. Tuesday they will be in Charleston, Wednesday at Portsmouth, Thursday at Norfolk and Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, at Annapolis, showing the Middle how the big leaguers do it.

## M'GRAW HAS OWN IDEAS FOR FRATERNITY

By SAM CRANE.

In speaking about the proposed new union of professional baseball players for a protective organization, Manager McGraw, of the world champion New York Giants, recently gave out some pointed facts.

McGraw has long been interested in the formation of a plan that will make suitable provision for old players who are "down and out." There are many of them now on the rocks, broken in health and financially. It may have been through their own fault in not taking things as seriously as they should have done during their days of prosperity.

There were many more of the careless ones in the earlier days of the game than now. Many of those old-timers are still alive and in dire need of assistance. Every year, too, there are several more who fall by the wayside, derelicts who have no way to turn, in want, homeless and forgotten. Many of them were the stars of the sport, popular idols of the baseball public, their halcyon days.

Carefree and indifferent to the future, their money came easy and went as easily as gained. Good hearted, liberal to a fault when they had it, but as it was used, ignored by the club they had helped in their flush days, they were left stranded when the time came that they had outlived their usefulness as players and as assets to their clubs.

No one man has done as much to assist such unfortunate as Manager McGraw. He never fails; never turns a deaf ear to their appeals. He is besieged by them wherever he goes. In New York or elsewhere it is the same.

His good-heartedness is proverbial and at times has been taken advantage of. That makes no difference; he still digs down. He seems to enjoy doing so.

Consequently, there is no man who knows so much about the combined need of assistance that so many old timers require even to get along.

He brings up the fact that other professions have organizations and established funds for the care of their old associates who are in want. Many times, too, such an organization has been proposed to active players, but has been ignored by the latter, turned down flat.

McGraw says he stands ready to promote any plan that will make provision to extend assistance to broken-down players, if the active

## Indoor Sports



## SPEAKER HEARS JOKE UPON HIMSELF

Dons Disguise and Goes Into Bleachers to Get an Earful.

When he was crippled up last summer, Tris Speaker, manager and center fielder of the Cleveland Indians, went out in the bleachers one afternoon to get the viewpoint of the fans out there. Tris put on a pair of goggles, an old coat and a sweater, so he wouldn't be recognized.

The Indian boss planked himself beside an old chap, who seemed to be doing a lot of yelling and who came out with a lot of criticism now and then. Along when the bat was about half over, Tris turned to this fellow and said: "What happens to be the matter with Speaker?"

"Matter?" sniffed the fan, turning around quickly. "Everything. The old fellow's been through so long he's no good. He benched himself, he was so bad. That guy Jamieson out there is going so well Speaker can't get back again. And it's a mighty good thing for the team, too."

"I certainly learned a lot out there that afternoon, and got a real insight into the fans of the bleachers," said Speaker afterward.

## SID MERCER'S CLOSE-UPS

A MINNOW BITES A WHALE

A WESTERN baseball paper, a provincial publication devoted mainly to abuse and misrepresentation of New York baseball magnates and New York baseball writers, and maintained largely for the purpose of hanging out Ban Johnson's soiled baseball linen in the weekly wash, runs to form in firing a parting shot at Col. T. L. Huston, who is retiring from part ownership in the Yankees.

"It is with regret that we so state," says this paper editorially, "but nothing we can say in bidding farewell to Colonel Huston is complimentary. As to his personality, outside his connections with the game, that is another matter, but as a magnate he has not been a factor for the good of the national game."

"It was very largely through the influence of Colonel Huston that the fundamental principles of law and order in baseball were violated in the Mays case, if we have the record straight; it was largely through his activities that attempts were made in the courts to embarrass the administration of baseball as it must be administered if the game is to live, prosper and enjoy public respect and confidence; it was the doughty Colonel Huston who attempted to besmirch the record and the motives of the greatest figure in the national game in the last twenty years, and presumably he was the man who prompted the hounding of Ban Johnson by certain scribes until libel suits had to be brought to squelch them."

"Colonel Huston may have been a patriotic American in war time, a capable engineer and contractor and a great success as a financier, but as a baseball magnate—well, Mr. Huston, here's your well known iron hat and good-bye."

Ruppert and Mays Case. ELSEWHERE in this publication is a longer and more abusive arraignment of Colonel Huston, containing many misstatements, one of which is the declaration that Colonel Jacob Ruppert grew weary of financing sensational deals for star players without receiving the credit in metropolitan papers. The statement was also made that Johnson blamed Huston, instead of Ruppert, for dragging him into the courts, "where he was deeply humiliated."

Still spreading the "salve," Johnson is now trying to make his peace with Colonel Ruppert. For the benefit of the Western paper, which has a short and convenient memory, we may briefly refer to the Mays case.

Col. Ruppert was not "dragged" into the Mays controversy. It was he, and not Col. Huston, who wired a protest of the suspension of Mays to Washington and then attempted to talk to Johnson on the long distance telephone. Johnson refused to answer the call. A day or so later it was Col. Ruppert, not Col. Huston, who pleaded with Johnson for hours at the old Holland House and who finally walked out after serving notice on Johnson that he would take the matter to the courts.

It was Col. Ruppert, who, when he was affronted later by Johnson, declared that he would, if necessary, spend his entire fortune fighting for what he conceived to be the New York club's rights in the Mays case. The affront consisted of Johnson's curt refusal to "sit in the same room" with Col. Ruppert in a session of the joint committee appointed to name a chairman of the National Commission—a move that Johnson blocked until he almost wrecked his own league two years ago.

It was Col. Ruppert who retained lawyers to gather evidence in the Mays case. Col. Ruppert hasn't a short memory and it isn't

likely that he will forget strenuous times.

Records on File. "If we have the record straight," hedges the paper. Well, that controversy is a matter of record. There are court records, depositions and letter files in the transcript of evidence that made Johnson quit and doubtless the New York club would be pleased to submit a copy of this transcript to any interested party.

Neither Colonel Huston nor Colonel Ruppert ever needed to point out the failings of Mr. Johnson to New York baseball writers. Those baseball writers could think for themselves and some of them could go back quite a way with Mr. Johnson. His well known antipathy for newspapermen he could not "handle" has long been a jest in the newspaper world.

The sporting authority quoted in error again when it says that libel suits had to be brought to "squelch" the New York "scrivener." So far as we know, not one New York paper was ever made a defendant in any libel suit brought by the president of the American League. The evidence collected by the New York club would have made defense of such actions an easy matter.

Colonel Ruppert and Colonel Huston worked together in putting over big deals that made the Yankees a powerful club. The inference that Huston made the deals and Ruppert fought the bills were ridiculous. Huston and Ruppert went fifty-fifty when they purchased the club and on all subsequent deals. In fact, the Ruth purchase and every deal of importance was personally announced by Colonel Ruppert.

Colonel Huston can afford to smile at the attack. A whale never feels a minnow's bite.

CHARLES MAYO ACCEPTS METROPOLITAN DUTIES Charles Mayo, former golf professional at the Edgewater Club, Chicago, Chick Evans' organization, has been engaged as pro at Westhampton Country Club, Long Island.

Mayo is one of the best known golfers in the country. After leaving Edgewater he went to the DuPont Hills Country Club, Atlanta, Ga., taking the place left vacant by the death of J. Douglas Edgar. After leaving DuPont Hills he went back to his home in England, where he is at the present time.

Ask Elmer Miller. CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—St. Paul has demanded that the Reds obtain Elmer Miller from the Boston Red Sox to hand over in exchange for Pitcher Tom Sheehan, and Garry Herrmann admits the small likelihood of his arranging such a deal.

## JOE KELEY TO SCOUT FOR GLEASON

Famous Old Oriole, and Later Yankee, Going to Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Joe Kelley, one of the famous old Orioles and later a big league manager, is shortly to sever his connection with the Yankees and become a scout for the Chicago White Sox. For the past six years Kelley has been a valuable member of the scouting staff of the Yankees, devoting most of his time to inspecting "ivory" in the East and Middle West.

It has been said of Kelley that his greatest asset as a scout was his conservatism. Colonel Huston, retiring partner of the Yankee club, is a close personal friend of the Baltimore team and it was through him that Kelley formed his connection here.

"Kelley," Colonel Huston said, "has touted us off more dead ones than he has dug up live ones, and for that reason consider him a valuable scout. He has saved us lots of money that otherwise would have been thrown away."

It is probable that Kelley formed his new connection recently at the league meetings in New York when he was seen several times in the company of Kid Gleason, manager of the White Sox. Gleason was one of the old Orioles as were John J. McGraw and Wilbert Robinson.

Kelley was one of the best outfielders that ever patrolled a beat in the big leagues. He played with the Baltimore and Brooklyn clubs and went back to Baltimore when the American League placed a club there more than twenty years ago.

When the Baltimore team was broken up and McGraw came to New York to manage the Giants, Kelley went to the Cincinnati Reds. Later he managed that team and the Boston Nationals. He was highly successful as manager for the Toronto team of the old Eastern League.

THORPE FACES M'ILLIN IN BIG CONTEST TODAY

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 28.—Shreveport football fans will be treated to another gridiron classic before the curtain is lowered on the year 1922. This time it will be a professional contest, and the stars there will be "Bo" McMillin's all-American squad and Jim Thorpe's Oorang Indians. The game will be played at Century field.

Thorpe's squad is made up of many famous Indian football players, including several former stars of Haskell and Carlisle eleven. "Red" Roberts, star of the Centre College Club, is also a member of Thorpe's crew.

McMillin has gathered together a strong team, four members having been picked out from the stars. They are: Trafton, Notre Dame; Smith, of Annapolis; Pierrotti of Washington and Lee, and McMillin, of Centre. Other players are: Potts, who received honorable mention for all-American; Copley, Rolla, Mo.; Carter, former star of Washington; Mooney, Georgetown; Doan, Tufts; Casey and McKurk.

YOUNG WESTERNERS ADD VICTORY TO STRING John Gollan shot fifteen baskets and Willie Gollan got five for the Western A. C. club when it defeated the Park Views 38 to 14.

Pettit and Pierce were the Park Views' leading scorers with five goals apiece.

It was one more victory to the Western's long string.

Hayes Will Coach. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 28.—William D. Hayes, A. A. T. champion sprinter and one of the N. D. track stars, will coach the D. Pau track squad, beginning in February.

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## STANFORD COACH LAUDS PITTSBURGH'S LINE

By MAXWELL STILES.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 28.—If you want to know anything about football, East or West, all you have to do is get "Tiny" Thornhill, Stanford's assistant coach, to lean back in his chair. This motion is accompanied by an enthusiastic wagging of his good-natured tongue, and if the ears are kept open much wisdom will be sopped up by these appendages, much in the manner of a sponge taking in grease, for the wisdom of "Tiny" is well oiled and has a tendency to leave an impression within the cranial thing-a-majigs upon which it falls.

"What do you know about Charley Bowser, the Pittsburgh center, who is making such a hit among the prima donnas of the Eastern press?" we asked "Tiny" Thornhill.

"I know whole lot about him."

"How will he compare with Capt. Dudley DeGroot of Stanford when the two meet on December 30?"

"Tiny" leaned back in his chair and the assistants in the gym department opened their ears.

"Dudley DeGroot is a mighty good boy, but he can't hold a candle to Charley Bowser," said "Tiny" Thornhill.

Several pairs of ears flopped back a few more grieved folds of tissue, for here was something unexpected. Dudley DeGroot not able to hold a candle to Charley Bowser? Impossible!

"Dudley is going up against one of the best centers in the United States," said "Tiny" Thornhill.

"But Dudley is also one of the best centers in the United States. He was chosen All-Western center." Who says they don't appreciate Captain DeGroot here?

"That may be," said "Tiny" Thornhill. "But Charley Bowser is one of the best centers who ever was in the United States. I have here a letter from a Pittsburgh friend of mine. He says that everybody else says that Charley Bowser is good. Just about as good as Bob Peck used to be. Man! If Bowser is anything near as good as Bob Peck, Pittsburgh's former All-American center, he is some pivot man."

"Your man won't be able to stand up against him," is what my friend says of Bowser.

"Charley Bowser is not such a big man. Only 180 pounds. But he is strong and fast. Last year he was regular quarterback on the varsity, and a mighty good one, too. In an emergency he was shifted to end, and was as fast as any of them. Then, when the regular center was hurt, Bowser became pivot man. He can play any position on the team, and to it he will. He plays roving center now, and no roving buccaneer ever did more damage to his victims."

"He has been acting captain during Tom Holleran's absence, in which case he has called his own signals from the pivot position. He has been the brains of the team, as well as much of its speed and brawn."

"And how about Jack Sack, the right guard, who is also drawing much attention and is being placed on numerous all-Eastern teams?"

"Jack Sack's real name is Sackolowski," said "Tiny" Thornhill. "He is a Russian Jew, and a mighty mean man to handle. He has it all over every other bowler. Rated about the best guard in the West. He is light, weighing only about 175 pounds. But he has the dash and fire that makes a real guard. He makes up for his lack of weight by a peculiar method of his own. Instead of bowling over his opponents, he cuts in between them like a knife, and on the defense sends the man with the ball in a flash."

"He seldom uses his hands until he needs them to make a tackle. Most good men have found it a hard job to keep this human dagger from going through almost untouched and dragging the backfield man down in his tracks."

"Gourley, right tackle, also is a good man on the Pitt line. He weighs 195 pounds and knows his stuff. The ends are fair, but the two big men on the line are Bowser and Sack."

## TWO WASHINGTON CLUBS HAVE PLACES FOR PROS

Chevy Chase and Indian Spring Country clubs are among the several clubs looking for suitable pros. Others are the Thornburg Club in Pennsylvania, the Woodway Country Club at Springdale, Conn.; the Forest Hill Country Club at Springdale, the Severn Lake Country Club at Perry, N. Y.; the Trans Valley Golf Club of Buffalo, N. Y.; the Oswego Country Club, Oswego, N. Y.; the Riverhead Country Club, Riverhead, L. I., and the Auburn Country Club, Auburn, N. Y.

KNICKERBOCKERS NAME NEW LEADERS FOR 1923

V. L. Woodbridge has been named president of the Knickerbocker Club; Julian Poray, vice president; Maurice Dorey, financial secretary; H. D. McCauley, recording secretary; James H. McIntyre, treasurer; and George Krug, sergeant-at-arms. The new officers will be installed January 2.

May Get Kinney. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Walter Kinney, the Mackmen's rookie southpaw pitcher, who jumped the team in 1920 to play with Oil City, expects to be reinstated by Judge Landis in a few weeks and report for training to Connie Mack. His year's suspension is at an end.

Ray Pays Fine. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Jole Ray is reported to have paid the \$100 back to the A. A. U. as ordered to do before January 1. He thus saves his amateur status and will begin training.

Causey for Orioles. BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Ceel "Red" Causey, pitcher, has been turned over to the Orioles in part payment for Jack Bentley, sold to the New York Giants.

Bedenk Is Injured. PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 28.—Penn State may have to face Southern California next Monday without Bedenk, injured in a game with the Red Sox.

Tech Quits Diamond. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.—Having no suitable field, Carnegie Tech has discarded baseball.

## Coast Eleven Get Voyage To Hawaii

One of the several joys of being a football player in California is the chance it offers to travel and see the world. Two of the coast colleges—Pomona and St. Mary's—have sent their teams to Hawaii to spend the Christmas holidays. They will play games with Hawaiian college and army eleven.

In the meantime Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Penn State will entertain the football fans on the coast and start enough football arguments to last all winter.

## Says "SKILLET" Finn, Esq:

Seaboard Line Running Special Padded Vans to Florida Golf Sanitariums in Charge of Dr. George Vierbuchen.

By KIRK MILLER.

SO many golfers stopping South that governors of Dixie States are contemplating conference with President to check epidemic.

While Louisiana is scared deaf, dumb, and silly over presence of white kimonoid goblins, Florida and a Carolina ask for State militia to check ravages of fast spreading golf weevil.

Americans must have their golf, even if it's only in teapoon doses. If the links freeze up on 'em, they ask change of venue to land where sunshine and moonshine punch no time clock.

Addicts of pasture pastime migrate South with the birds in cool of the year and limp home with same ailments when radiators begin to thaw.

George Vierbuchen, who pilots the Seaboard Air Line around by the tonsils, starts his annual picnic train to Florida the first of the year.

Every day he will carry a cargo of patients to Sunny South where they take regular golf baths until cured on both sides.

North is so congested with aggravated cases of stored-up venom that Vierbuchen adds three padded coaches to regular service to take care of violent incurables.

Special gymnasium car is provided with one-hole link where patrons may tee-off into transient scenery. These Pullmans are equipped with summer temperature, rubber furniture, non-breakable glass, and portable foliage.

The worst a passenger can do is to drive-off the observation platform and hit the engineer of train two days later.

George once gets them to the palm-laden sanitarium, his job is through.

Then he comes back to Washington for another consignment. After he gets 'em down there in the winter, all he has to do is pry 'em loose again in the spring.

He sometimes is called on to handle some very dangerous specimens, and so far he's never dropped one hard enough to break.

## CENTRE COLLEGE TEAM ON PENN'S 1923 LIST

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Centre College and Columbia University have placed on Pennsylvania's football schedule for 1923, made public today. It will be Centre's first game with Penn. Columbia and Lafayette, also given dates, have met the Quakers in the past, though not last season.

Franklin and Marshall spent Penn's season September 23, Maryland, Swarthmore, Columbia, Centre, Pittsburgh, Lafayette, Penn State and Cornell follow in order all games being played on Franklin field.

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